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PRESIDENT LOPEZ HAS NAMED ALVARISTA CONSERVATIVE JUAN GONZALO RESTREPO LONDONO TO REPLACE OSCAR MONTOYA AS MINISTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY (REFTEL). RESTREPO, THE THIRD PERSON TO OCCUPY THE POST UNDER LOPEZ, IS A 55-YEAR-OLD BUSINESSMAN FROM ANTIOQUIA WHO IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN OF CONSERVATIVE BELISARIO BETANCUR. THE NEW MINISTER ALSO HAS SERVED AS A SENATOR, BANKER, AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY EXECUTIVE. HE HOLDS A LAW DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSIDAD BOLIVARIANA IN MEDELLIN AND HAS ALSO STUDIED ECONOMICS. RESTREPO IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER MARIA VICTORIA LOPEZ AND HAS SIX CHILDREN. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL REACTION SO FAR FROM THE MAJOR LABOR CONFEDERATIONS TO THE APPOINTMENT.

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